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SUBJECT: CONVENTION ON PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR
MATERIALS

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1. SCIATT DISCUSSED ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED AT THIRD MEETING (SEPTEMBER 4-8) ON CONVENTION ON PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS WITH OFFICIALS OF ROMANIAN STATE COMMITTEE FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY (SCNE), WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING GOR POSITIONS ON CONVENTION, ON AUGUST 22. TALKING POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL PERTAINING TO ISSUE OF DOMESTIC APPLICATION OF CONVENTION AND MILITARY PURPOSE NUCLEAR MATERIAL WERE USED AND THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED WITH OFFICIALS. SCNE OFFICIALS EXPRESSED THANKS FOR EXPOSITION OF U.S. VIEWS AND UNDERTOOK TO PROVIDE FORMAL RESPONSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. IN INTERIM, OFFICIALS INDICATED INFORMALLY THAT GOR GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE OF U.S. POSITION THAT CONVENTION SHOULD CONTAIN PROVISION ON DOMESTIC PHYSICAL PROTECTION, AND ROMANIAN DELEGATION WILL PROBABLY FAVOR RETENTION OF BRACKETED ARTICLE (ARTICLE 3) IN TEXT. ROMANIANS DO NOT BELIEVE SAME SET OF ABSOLUTE
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PHYSICAL SECURITY STANDARDS CAN BE APPLIED IN EACH NATIONAL CASE. FOR EXAMPLE, WHEREAS ONE ARMED GUARD MIGHT SUFFICE IN ONE COUNTRY, ANOTHER COUNTRY MIGHT NEED FIVE TO ACHIEVE SAME LEVEL OF PROTECTION. OFFICIALS AGREED WITH U.S. VIEW THAT CONCLUSION OF CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT IS OF OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE AND IF PUSH COMES TO SHOVE, ROMANIANS

WOULD PROBABLY OPT FOR DELETION OF ARTICLE 3 IN
INTEREST OF CONCLUDING CONVENTION.

3. CONCERNING ISSUE OF INCLUSION OF MILITARY PURPOSE
NUCLEAR MATERIALS UNDER THE CONVENTION, OFFICIALS
INDICATED THEY DID NOT THINK THIS WOULD BE SERIOUS
OBSTACLE AND COULD BE DISPOSED OF BY PREAMBULAR
PARAGRAPH.
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